

## WHAT IS CLAIMED:

- 1. A modem comprising:
- a signal detector adapted to receive a signal, the signal including a data
- 3 component and one or more echo components;
- a timing unit adapted to dentify delays of said one or more echo components;
- 5 and
- an echo cancellation unit adapted to cancel one or more echoes once said
- 7 delays have been identified.
- 1 2. A modem in accordance with claim 1, said data component comprising 2 a sinusoid at a predetermined frequency.
- 1 3. A modem in accordance with claim 2, said echo signals comprising
- 2 signals at substantially said predetermined frequency and at differing amplitudes.
- 1 4. A modem in accordance with claim 3, said timing unit adapted to
- 2 identify said delays by determining periods between peaks of said data component
- 3 and said one or more echo components.
- 1 5. An echo cancellation method, comprising:
- 2 transmitting a training sinusoid to a remote modem;
- 3 receiving a return signal, said return signal comprising said training sinusoid
- 4 and one or more echo signals having substantially the same frequencies as said
- 5 training sinusoid; and
- 6 identifying echoes by determining delays between peaks of said return
- 7 training sinusoid and peaks of said one or more echo signals.
- 1 6. An echo cancellation method according to claim 5, further comprising:
- 2 canceling echoes based on said delays.
  - 7. An echo cancellation system, comprising:
  - means for transmitting a training sinusoid to a remote modem;

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- means responsive to said transmitting means for receiving a return signal,
  said return signal comprising said training sinusoid and one or more echo signals
  having substantially the same frequencies as said training sinusoid; and
  means responsive to said receiving means for identifying echoes by
  determining delays between peaks of said return training sinusoid and peaks of said
  one or more echo signals.
- 1 8. An echo cancellation system according to claim 7, further comprising: 2 means for canceling echoes based on said delays.

9. A method comprising:

receiving a signal, the signal including a data component and one or more secho components;

identifying delays of a plurality of echo components; and

canceling one or more echoes once said delays have been identified.

- 1 10. A method in accordance with claim 9, said data component comprising 2 a sinusoid at a predetermined frequency
- 1 11. A method in accordance with claim 10, said echo signals comprising 2 signals at substantially said predetermined frequency and at differing amplitudes.
- 1 12. A method in accordance with claim 11, including identifying said delays 2 by determining periods between peaks of said data component and said one or more 3 echo components.